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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND (ITF) TO
SUPPORT ONE DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT
(ALL DISTRICTS -- 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and authorize the use of \$250,000 from the Information Technology Fund (ITF) to support the Information Systems Advisory Body (ISAB)'s project to develop *Web Services Interfaces to the Countywide Warrant System (CWS)*.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In their April 9, 2007 meeting, the ITF Executive Committee voted to recommend support of a project award for the ISAB's development of *Web Services Interfaces to the CWS* from the Information Technology Fund. Your Board's approval of the recommended action will provide a total of \$250,000 in funding to support this project.

The CWS supports the manual inquiry and retrieval of outstanding warrants, such as felony, misdemeanor, or traffic warrants issued in Los Angeles County. This project proposes to develop a standard web services platform to support automated exchange of warrants with other law enforcement agencies. Funding will be used for IBM consulting services for the analysis, design, and development of the web services interfaces.

These Web Services will be developed using industry standards and further promote interoperability and in support of the County's technology standard by using WebSphere as the application server platform. This project requires no modifications to the CWS system and will run on top of the existing CWS security model and creates no additional risks to the system.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The ISAB's *Web Services Interfaces to the Countywide Warrant System (CWS)* proposal is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan in supporting Goal 3 – Organizational Effectiveness, and Goal 8 – Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Following approval by your Board, \$250,000 will be awarded from the ITF to support the recommended project.

There are no other fiscal impacts.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

There are no legal requirements or prohibitions related to this recommended action.

IMPACT OF CURRENT SERVICES

The project will develop a Web Services platform running on IBM WebSphere to host the eight interfaces for inquiry and update to the CWS. The application will be hosted and supported by the Internal Services Department in Downey.

This project when fully implemented will improve automated exchange of warrants with other law enforcement agencies. It will develop standard, reusable interfaces to automate warrant inquiries and updates and improve the accuracy and completeness of warrant information.

CONCLUSION

Your Board's approval of the recommended action will authorize the use of ITF funds in the amount of \$250,000 for the ISAB's development of *Web Services Interfaces to the CWS*.

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All ITF grant recipients are required to provide a bi-monthly status report to the Chief Information Officer. All projects are established in the Information Technology Project Tracking and Status System (ITTS) monitored by the Chief Information Office.

Respectfully submitted,



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